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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of five months, extending the time for response after the filing of a Notice of Appeal from dated March 20, 2003, from May 20, 2003, to on or before October 20, 2003.

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